

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	19	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	4	-	3	=	1	\$ 84	\$84.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$84.00

- ☒ Petition for one (1) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$110.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$84.00 and \$110.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Kaoru MURATA et al. CONF.: 5554
SERIAL NO: 09/831,496 GROUP: 1723
FILED: May 10, 2001 EXAMINER: THERKORN
FOR: DIFFUSION PROMOTING DEVICE FOR LOW FLOW
VELOCITY GRADIENT HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID
CHROMATOGRAPHY

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AMENDMENT

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March 20, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 4, 2002, the period for responding having been extended one (1) month until April 4, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS: /

Cancel claims 1 and 5-7, without prejudice.

Amend claims 2 and 8-13 to read:

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2. (twice amended) A method for improving a detection sensitivity of a target component, which comprises providing the diffusion promoting device

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